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## **Financial incentives and its impact on maternal and child health: a study in the Philippines**

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### ***Abstract:***

Maternal and child health remains a major issue in low and middle income countries. Conditional cash transfers (CCTs) are one of interventions which promote maternal and child health. CCTs help poor household to overcome direct cost of treatment and indirect cost of traveling expenses to a health facility and an opportunity cost in a case taking time off work. This study aims to evaluate the effectiveness of a CCT in the Philippines namely Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) on safe delivery and child immunization coverage. Applying propensity score matching method on household data from the 2013 National Demographic and Health Survey, this study finds that child immunization coverage is higher on average for children in 4Ps households than for children in non-4Ps households. Moreover, more mothers from 4Ps households are assisted by skilled professionals at the time of delivery than mothers from non-4Ps households.

### ***About the speaker:***

Kanako Yoshikawa is a PhD candidate in impact evaluation for international development and applied econometrics at Osaka University in Japan and she is currently conducting a research as a visiting researcher at University of the Philippines, School of Economics (UPSE). Her research interest is quantitative analysis about people's wellbeing and child health. She has survey experience in Uganda and Lao P.D.R for data collection.



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